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Ms. Jocelyn Boyd
Chief Clerk and Administrator
South Carolina Public Service Commission
Synergy Business Park, The Saluda Building
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Certification of the Use of Universal Service Funds
Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 and Telecommunications
Act § 254(e) Federal Communications Commission
WC Docket No. 14-58

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC"), on behalf of its member companies, hereby requests that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") submit a letter to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") verifying that the individual SCTC member companies shown on the attached list are in compliance with section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act. Attached are company specific affidavits attesting to the fact that Federal Universal Service Funds have been and will be used as intended in compliance with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.

The FCC's rules require that, in order for eligible telecommunications carriers ("ETCs") to receive the federal high-cost support for which they are eligible, state commissions must file an annual certification with USAC and the FCC stating "that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within that State was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended." 47 C.F.R. § 54.314. These certifications must be submitted by the state commission prior to October 1 of each year in order for the companies to receive the full federal funding for which they are eligible. Id.

The SCTC respectfully requests that the Commission issue a letter to the FCC and USAC certifying that SCTC's individual member companies are in compliance with section 254(e) of the Act.

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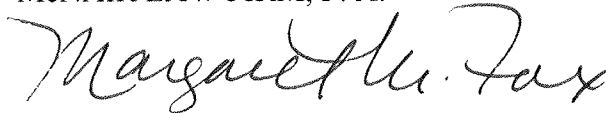
The FCC requires that state regulatory authorities file a letter with the FCC and USAC certifying that rural carriers are in compliance with section 254(e) of the Act by October 1 of each year. The timing is critical, because if certification is not accomplished by October 1, 2016, federal support for universal service in the areas served by the rural carriers within South Carolina will be reduced as set forth in the federal regulation. See 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(d). In order to ensure that the FCC and USAC receive the Commission's certification for SCTC companies in a timely manner, we respectfully request that the Commission accept this letter and the attached affidavits as self-certification that the companies are in compliance with section 254(e), and that the Commission issue a letter to the FCC and USAC prior to October 1, 2015, notifying them that the SCTC member companies are eligible to receive federal universal service support in accordance with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.

We are submitting this request pursuant to the above-cited federal law and in compliance with Commission Regulation 103-690.1(C). **Please note that the Commission's certification letter to the FCC and USAC must reference WC Docket No. 14-58.**

Please let me know if you have any questions about this matter or if we can provide anything further.

Very Truly Yours

McNAIR LAW FIRM, P. A.



Margaret M. Fox

Enclosures

cc: Jeffrey M. Nelson, Esquire
Christopher Rozycki
Joseph M. Melchers, Esquire
James E. Spearman, Ph.D.
Doug Pratt
Company representatives (See Distribution List)

ATTACHMENT A

<u>NAME OF COMPANY</u>	<u>STUDY AREA NUMBER</u>
Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc.	240512
Chesnee Telephone Company	240515
Chester Telephone Company	240516
Comporium, Inc. (f/k/a/ Rock Hill Telephone Company)	240542
Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240520
FTC Communications, LLC	249002
Fort Mill Telephone Company	240521
Hargray Telephone Company, Inc.	240523
Home Telephone ILEC, LLC	240527
Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240528
Lancaster Telephone Company	240531
Lockhart Telephone Company	240532
McClellanville Telephone Company	240533
Norway Telephone Company	240535
Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240536
Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240538
PBT Telecom, Inc.	240539
Ridgeway Telephone Company	240541
Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240546
St. Stephen Telephone Company	240544
West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240550
Williston Telephone Company	240551

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AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Beaufort

COMPANY: Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240512

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Andrew Rein. I am employed by Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc. (the "Company") as its Chief Financial Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc. hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


Andrew Rein
Chief Financial Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 8th day of JULY 2016.



NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

MELODY J. TOLFORD

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: MAY 27, 2018

MELODY J. TOLFORD
Notary Public, State of South Carolina
My Commission Expires May 27, 2018

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG

COMPANY: Chesnee Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a Chesnee Communications
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240515


PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Hannah A. Lancaster. I am employed by Chesnee Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a Chesnee Communications (the "Company") as its President. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. Chesnee Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a Chesnee Communications hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Chesnee Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a Chesnee Communications was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


Hannah A. Lancaster
President

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 19th day of 2016.


NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Annette Williams
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: July 18, 2017

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CHESTER

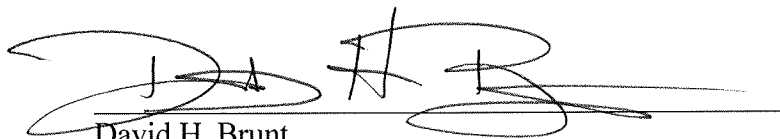
COMPANY: Chester Telephone Company
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240516

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is David H. Brunt. I am employed by Chester Telephone Company (the "Company") as its Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. Chester Telephone Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Chester Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



David H. Brunt
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 11th day of July 2016.



NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Janice T. Dahnke
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 12 - 31 - 2023

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF York

COMPANY: Comporium, Inc.


STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240542

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is J. Kevin Cage, I am employed by Comporium, Inc. (the "Company") as its EVP, CFO and Treasurer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. Comporium, Inc. hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Comporium, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


J. Kevin Cage
EVP, CFO and Treasurer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 19th day of July 2016.

Theresa L Blevins
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Theresa L Blevins
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 9/14/2021

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Williamsburg

COMPANY: Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240520

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Jeffery L. Lawrimore. I am employed by Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Company") as its Chief Financial Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


Jeffrey L. Lawrimore
Chief Financial Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 18 day of July 2016.



NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Nicole B. Smalls

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: July 2, 2017

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Williamsburg

COMPANY: FTC Communications, LLC

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 249002

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Jeffery L. Lawrimore. I am employed by FTC Communications, LLC (the "Company") as its Chief Financial Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. FTC Communications, LLC hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to FTC Communications, LLC was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


Jeffrey L. Lawrimore
Chief Financial Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 18 day of July 2016.



NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Nicole B. Smalls

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: July 2, 2017

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF York

COMPANY: Fort Mill Telephone Company

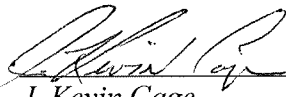
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240521

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is J. Kevin Cage. I am employed by Fort Mill Telephone Company (the "Company") as its EVP, CFO and Treasurer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. Fort Mill Telephone Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Fort Mill Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


J. Kevin Cage
EVP, CFO and Treasurer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 19th day of July 2016.

Theresa L Blavins
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Theresa L Blavins
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 9/14/2021

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Beaufort

COMPANY: Hargray Telephone Company, Inc.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240523

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Andrew Rein. I am employed by Hargray Telephone Company, Inc. (the "Company") as its Chief Financial Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. Hargray Telephone Company, Inc. hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Hargray Telephone Company, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



Andrew Rein
Chief Financial Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 8th day of July 2016.



NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

MELODY J. TOLFORD

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: MAY 27, 2018

MELODY J. TOLFORD
Notary Public, State of South Carolina
My Commission Expires May 27, 2018

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Berkeley

COMPANY: Home Telephone ILEC, LLC


STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240527

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is William S. Helmly. I am employed by Home Telephone ILEC, LLC (the "Company") as its President. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. Home Telephone ILEC, LLC hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Home Telephone ILEC, LLC was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


William S. Helmly
President

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 5th day of July 2016.

Debra D. McGriff
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Debra D. McGriff
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 8-13-2019

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF *HORRY*

COMPANY: *Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.*
STUDY AREA NUMBER: *240528*


PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is *Carlton Lewis*. I am employed by *Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.* (the "Company") as its *CFO*. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. *Horry Telephone* hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to *Horry Telephone* was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


Carlton Lewis
CFO

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 21 day of July 2016.

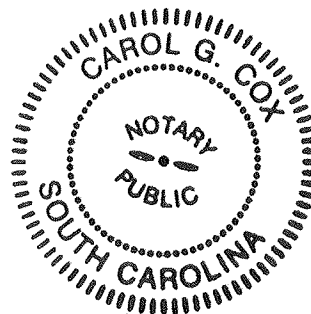


NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

CAROL G. COX

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 2-2-2026



AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF York

COMPANY: Lancaster Telephone Company


STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240531

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is J. Kevin Cage. I am employed by Lancaster Telephone Company (the "Company") as its EVP, CFO and Treasurer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. Lancaster Telephone Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Lancaster Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


J. Kevin Cage
EVP, CFO and Treasurer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 19th day of July 2016.

Theresa L Blevins
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Theresa L Blevins
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 9/14/2021

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CHESTER

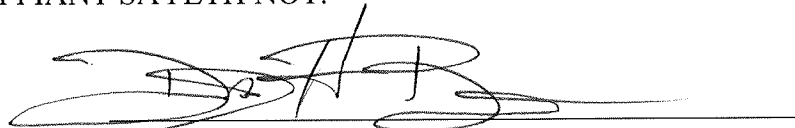
COMPANY: Lockhart Telephone Company
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240532

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is David H. Brunt. I am employed by Lockhart Telephone Company (the "Company") as its Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. Lockhart Telephone Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Lockhart Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



David H. Brunt
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 11th day of July 2016.


NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Janice T. Dahnke
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 12 - 31 - 2023

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF DANE

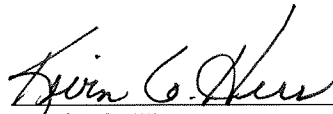
COMPANY: McClellanville Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240533

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING DULY
SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Kevin G. Hess. I am employed by TDS Telecommunications Corporation, parent company of McClellanville Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom (the "Company") as its Executive Vice President. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. McClellanville Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to McClellanville Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



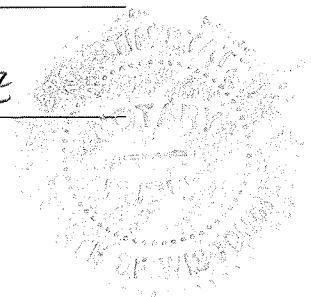
Kevin G. Hess
Executive Vice President,
TDS TELECOM

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 13 day of July, 2016.


NOTARY PUBLIC FOR WISCONSIN

Kristin Stutz
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: May 24, 2019



AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF DANE

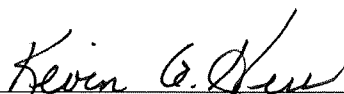
COMPANY: Norway Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240535

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING DULY
SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Kevin G. Hess. I am employed by TDS Telecommunications Corporation, parent company of Norway Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom (the "Company") as its Executive Vice President. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. Norway Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Norway Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

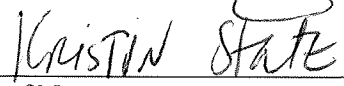


Kevin G. Hess
Executive Vice President,
TDS TELECOM

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 13 day of July, 2016.

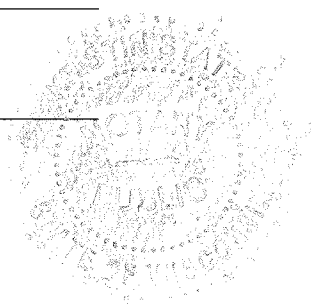


NOTARY PUBLIC FOR WISCONSIN



Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: May 24, 2019



AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF COLLETON

COMPANY: PALMETTO RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240536

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Jason J. Dandridge. I am employed by Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Company") as its Chief Executive Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


Jason J. Dandridge
Chief Executive Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 30th day of June 2016.

Karen L. Bridge
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Karen L Bridge
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 04-10-2024

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF LAURENS

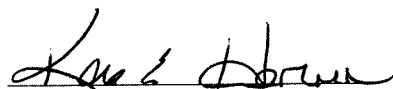
COMPANY: Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240538

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:


1. My name is Kara E. Horner. I am employed by Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Company") as its Controller. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


Kara E. Horner
Controller

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 1st day of July 2016.


NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA
Jennifer C. Murphy
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 8/25/19

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF *LEXINGTON*

1660 Juniper Springs Road
Gilbert, SC 29054
803-894-3121

COMPANY: *PBT TELECOM, INC.*
STUDY AREA NUMBER: *240539*

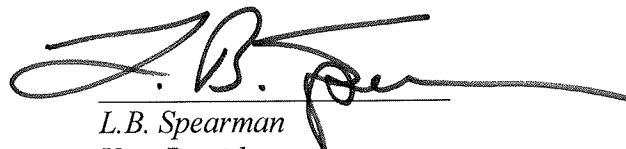
PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is *L.B. Spearman*. I am employed by *PBT Telecom, Inc.* (the "Company") as its *Vice President*. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. *PBT Telecom, Inc.* hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to *PBT Telecom, Inc.* was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


L.B. Spearman
Vice President

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 30th day of June 2016.


NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

LeeAnn Shreaty
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 3/25/23

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CHESTER

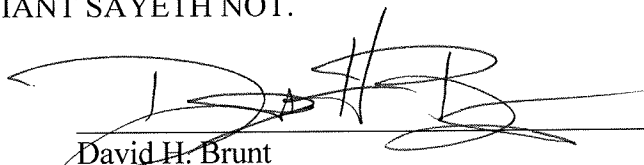
COMPANY: Ridgeway Telephone Company
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240541

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is David H. Brunt. I am employed by Ridgeway Telephone Company (the "Company") as its Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. Ridgeway Telephone Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Ridgeway Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



David H. Brunt
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 11th day of July 2016.



NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Janice T. Dahnke
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 12 - 31 - 2023

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CHESTERFIELD

COMPANY: SANDHILL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240546

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Lee Chambers. I am employed by Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Company") as its Manager/Chief Executive Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc. hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Lee Chambers

Lee Chambers
Manager/Chief Executive Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 1 day of July 2016.

Kirby A Wayne
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Kirby A Wayne
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 8-26-2020

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF DANE


COMPANY: St. Stephen Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240544

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING DULY
SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Kevin G. Hess. I am employed by TDS Telecommunications Corporation, parent company of St. Stephen Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom (the "Company") as its Executive Vice President. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. St. Stephen Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to St. Stephen Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



Kevin G. Hess
Executive Vice President,
TDS TELECOM

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 13 day of July, 2016.



NOTARY PUBLIC FOR WISCONSIN

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Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: May 24, 2019



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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE

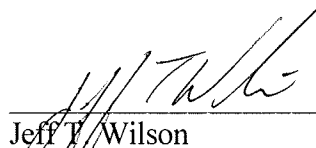
COMPANY: **WEST CAROLINA RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.**
STUDY AREA NUMBER: **240550**

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Jeff T. Wilson. I am employed by West Carolina Rural Telephone Company, Inc. (the "Company") as its Chief Executive Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.


2. West Carolina Rural Telephone Company, Inc. hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to West Carolina Rural Telephone Company, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



Jeff T. Wilson
Chief Executive officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 1 day of July 2016.



NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

JUDY CANNON

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 4/15/2020

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STATE OF WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF DANE

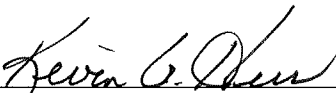
COMPANY: Williston Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240551

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING DULY
SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Kevin G. Hess. I am employed by TDS Telecommunications Corporation, parent company of Williston Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom (the "Company") as its Executive Vice President. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. Williston Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Williston Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

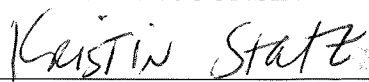


Kevin G. Hess
Executive Vice President,
TDS TELECOM

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 13 day of July, 2016.



NOTARY PUBLIC FOR WISCONSIN



Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: May 24, 2019

